सामान्य हालात बहाल करने के कार्य का ही एक भाग है, जिसके लिए अनेक प्रशासनिक उपाय किए गए हैं ।

पंजाब समस्या पर बातचीत

92. डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में पंजाब के उग्रवादियों से बातचीत करने के लिए उग्रवादियों के कुछ निकटस्थ सहयोगियों से सम्पर्क किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) सरकार पंजाब में शीघ्रातिशीघ्र सामान्य हालात बहाल करने के लिए वचनबद्ध है तथा सभी लम्बित मुद्दों को बातचीत द्वारा सुलझाने में विश्वास रखती है । तथापि, बातचीत करना केवल उन्हीं के साथ संभव है जो संविधान के ढांचे को स्वीकार करते हैं । ऐसी स्थिति में इस बारे में एकतरफा पहल करना संभव नहीं है ।

Advertisement in newspapers by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.

93. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. carries a full page advertisement in prominent newspapers whenever it revises the subscribers' telephone numbers due to conversion of Exchange into electronic one or otherwise;

(b) if so, what is the total amount spent on this head during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that each subscriber is also intimate by post in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to stop the wasteful expenditure on advertisements in newspapers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Sir, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Telex and Fax facilities in District Headquarters of U.P.

94. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district headquarters in U.P. where the district administration has been provided with telex and FAX facilities;

(b) the places in U.P. where such facilities are likely to be provided during the next 1—2 years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for further expansion and development of telecommunication facilities in U.P. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No telex has been provided to District Administration as no demand has been placed by the District Authorities. Following 12 District Headquarters where District Administration is operating FAX Services are:

Deoria, Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Basti, Mau Nath Bhanjan, Azamgarh, Ghaziabad, Etah, Farraukhabad, Mirzapur, Lakhimpur (Kheri), Dehradun.

(b) New National telex Exchanges are planned which are likely to come up during the next 1—2 years are as per statement enclosed subject to availability of equipments. (*See* below)

(c) During the year 91-92, it has been planned to add 78000 lines of Telephone Switching Capacity in U.P.